



Hooray!! Carnival 53 has officially arrived!

During the beginning of the year, until Ash Wednesday, the lives of Arubans will be entirely focused on Carnival, the grandest party to be found anywhere. Carnival culminates with the final Sunday and the parade in Oranjestad on February 18, but it started on Friday evening with the first of many official events that will jam the calendar until that fateful day.

Jam is exactly the right word, as attendees of the “CocoYoco” or “Rooster’s” Jam filled the parking lot of the Frans Figueria Stadium in Noord, ready to dance to the carnival music of Youth Extreme. Hips were twitching and arms were in the air as the carnival beat touched that part of every islander’s soul that feels the spirit of Carnival. The first of many “jump-ups” it was followed by the first parade of the season on Saturday night, the Fakkaloptoch, or “Torch Parade.” As Carnival is early this year, it will be a busy schedule with major events and parades taking place every weekend. The Cocoyoco Jam had an enthusiastic attendance, as everyone is ready to start the party!!